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INTRODUCTION

The Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning is pleased to release this surveillance summary of reportable diseases in Kentucky. This publication will offer valuable information about disease incidence to readers throughout the health and human services community. Only data on cases that are reported to the Division of Epidemiology and meet the confirmed status category for a case definition are included in this summary, except where specifically noted.

Kentucky was part of the nationwide West Nile virus outbreak. The state actively participated in West Nile virus surveillance documenting West Nile virus activity in 101 counties, with 75 human cases documented as either confirmed or probable.

Cases of most vaccine preventable diseases remained low. Several cases of mumps were reported, but most notable was an increase in pertussis cases and more influenza activity than the prior year.

Q Fever, added to the reportable list in 2000 presented with several cases and two cases of Hansen's Disease were reported.

We acknowledge the contribution of the local health departments' surveillance personnel and of all the physicians, hospital infection control personnel and medical laboratory personnel who have reported cases as required by statute. We remain committed to the timely dissemination of our findings to all who are partners in disease prevention.